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SUITABLE NUCLEIC ACID PROBE SEQUENCES FOR USE IN NUCLEIC ACID ARRAYS"

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 17, 2006 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before January 17, 2007.